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FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE CITY OF SNYDER

A Large Bell Ordered, Roof and Wall Ladders and Other Equipment

The first step in the organization of a fire company for Snyder was taken at its last meeting by the City Council, when an order was placed for a 300 pounds fire bell, roof and wall ladders, fire extinguishers, pike poles, snatch hooks, rope and pick axes. J. W. Massey who has had considerable experience, will be chief of the fire department and he will have some 25 or 30 men under him.

Rubber buckets have also been ordered for use in case of fire.

This is the first step taken in the equipment of a fire company and the credit belongs to J. W. Massey more than any one. This movement it is calculated, will give us lower insurance rates and actually save the town much, in the way of losses from fire.

If the present plans materialize Snyder will soon have a well equipped fire fighting organization.

THAT CRITTER

We confess that we have been a little skeptical about that critter, called the Linotype, for some time, knowing nothing about it ourselves, and after having due experience with gas engines and other bulky mechanisms, we naturally hesitated and doubted some things we had read and heard about the type setting machine, but the doubt has been entirely removed since we have set one up in the Signal office and seen it deliver the goods.

We may be pardoned, we trust, if we make mention of the fact that when we first assumed charge of the Coming West, now the Signal, nine years ago, we found the equipment to consist of a handful of type and a Washington hand press. This equipment gradually gave way to more modern appliances, until now we have the big cylinder press for news work, the fast and noiseless jobbers and the latest and best, the Linotype.

The last named is considered the dreadnought of the printing business and has uprooted the printing traditions of centuries. It is said of this machine that it created a new epoch in the world of printing. It is one of the most remarkable inventions of the age and is strong proof of the theory that the goal of the human mind is perfection. It is one of the most wonderful mechanical links in the chain of human progress, and has made possible the great newspapers of today.

The story of the conception, invention, and development of the Mergenthaler Linotype to its present point of perfection, is intensely interesting. It is a story that is both romantic and tragic in its phases of faith almost sublime, persistence, perseverance and determination almost unbelievable—the story of men who mounted the apparently insurmountable, and who tried until it became pathetic, to fashion with their hands in form that which they saw perfect in their minds. As it is today, the Linotype is not the product of the brain of one man any more than modern colossal steamships can be said to be the work of Fulton.

The latest model Linotype is no more like the first invention of Mergenthaler than is the locomotive of today like the steam engine built by Stevens. To conceive and construct a machine to the point of perfection of the modern Linotype, is beyond the capability of one man.

There are 83 Linotypes in the government printing office in Washington, D. C. This is said to be the largest number in use in any one office in the world.

We invite our friends to call and see the new machine in operation.

Ten Million Dollar Loan Signed
Washington, Feb. 16.—The contract for a loan of ten million dollars was signed in New York. This is according to announcement by the state department.

HEAVY RAINS OVER THE WESTERN PART OF TEXAS

The Heaviest Rain For Years Fell Last Week—Worth Millions of Dollars

Not for many years has this section of the state been visited by heavier rains than on Friday of last week.

The rain began falling at 5 o'clock Friday morning and continued without intermission for twenty-four hours, filling all the lakes and creeks, bank full, and thoroughly soaking the ground. It was estimated that there was four inches of rain fall in Snyder, and the reports over the surrounding country were equally as encouraging.

It is an unusual occurrence for rain to come in February. The result of this one will be to bring up all the spring planting and greatly benefit the small grain already sowed.

SANTA FE SELECTS PLACES FOR HER SHOPS

Slaton Junction and Sweetwater Will be Division Headquarters

Fort Worth, Feb. 16.—Contracts have just been awarded to Witherspoon-Englar Company of Chicago by the Santa Fe for the construction of shops, terminals and other buildings at Slaton Junction and at Sweetwater on the Coleman cutoff. Announcement to this effect was made here yesterday, following the receipt of an official notice from the general offices of the Santa Fe in Chicago.

The shops at Slaton where the Lamesa division of the new line leaves the Coleman cutoff, will consist of twelve stall roundhouse and turn table, machine and blacksmith shop, a power house, a roundhouse foreman's office and supply building, hose house, concrete oil reservoir, pumping plant and tank, coal chute and sand house.

Effect of Panama Canal

Washington, Feb. 15.—Enthusiasm of the delegates to the Pan-American Commercial Conference was aroused today by the reading of a letter from Senator Don Francisco Borda, Minister to the United States from Colombia, in which he said the United States by the completion of the Panama Canal, would become "mistress of the strategic center of the world," and the foremost Nation of the globe.

Senator Borda was present while his letter was read, but made no speech, and the strained relations between the United States and Colombia growing out of the separation of Panama in 1903 were recalled in the preface of the letter, which said:

"The exceptional and delicate situation in which the Colombian legation finds herself for reasons well known to the United States and which awaken their sympathy obliges me to decline the honor of taking part in public declarations."

Senator Borda's letter, however, drew attention to the confidence of Colombia in President Taft to act justly toward Colombia in the relations between the two countries.

The Big Santa Fe Dam

Work is progressing most satisfactorily on the colossal dam the Santa Fe is putting in near Sweetwater. The concrete core has been completed and all other work connected with the immense undertaking is coming along in great shape.

The reservoir will contain 300 acres and have an average depth of eighteen feet.

Such a magnificent body of water will insure a never failing supply for the great works in the way of shops, etc., the Santa Fe will maintain at Sweetwater, and will without doubt be the largest artificial lake in the West.

Carrie Nation Reported Dying
Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 21.—Carrie Nation is reported to be lying at Leavenworth, Kansas.

SCURRY COUNTY'S LAW-MAKERS HAD BUSY WEEK

Order Election for New Jail and Other Important Matters Disposed Of.

First National Bank selected as a depository for county funds, it being the highest bidder offering 3 per cent on the daily balances, and the First State Bank and Trust Company was selected as depository for the school funds offering 2½ per cent on the daily balances.

The Court ordered that the following named persons be appointed to hold the trustee election in the several common school districts of the county, election to be held on the 8th day of April, 1911:

Favors, District No. 1, Joe Taylor and T. B. Favors.

Pylon, District No. 3, Tom Weaver and Abe Lynn.

Camp Springs, District No. 4, J. M. Bailey and J. O. Guinn.

Hud, District No. 5, J. C. Helms and J. B. Hudnall.

Canon, District No. 6, O. L. Jones and Rant Amos.

Knapp, District No. 7, Lyman Lockhart and J. W. Huddleston.

Conroe, District No. 8, J. Eoff and Hugh Canon.

Red Bluff, District No. 9, W. M. Carruthers and W. H. Williams.

Bethel, District No. 10, A. E. Dennis and ——— McPherson.

Independence, District No. 11, J. T. Gilliam and Clayton Teague.

Plainview, District No. 12, A. M. Herren and E. J. Thompson.

Fluvanna, District No. 13, W. C. Jones, J. B. Bley and J. F. Smith.

Bookout, District No. 14, W. F. Martin and John Browning.

Crowder, District No. 15, L. D. Hays and W. B. Lemons.

Centerville, District No. 16, W. H. Crowder and J. M. Sterling.

Ganaway, District No. 17, A. P. Ganaway and Walter Moore.

Strayhorn, District No. 18, W. A. Pitts and D. E. Walton.

Whitebluff, District No. 19, F. Reid and J. W. Green.

Ennis, District No. 20, J. L. Parsons and D. C. Bentley.

Fisher County Line, District No. 21, J. H. Jean and J. F. Light.

China Grove, District No. 22, O. F. Day and J. M. Bruce.

Lone Wolf, District No. 23, J. D. Martin and J. M. Payan.

Mitchell County Line, District No. 24, J. H. Byrd and T. Y. Hammon.

Deep Creek, District No. 26, Frank Brownfield and Walter Henry.

Whately, District No. 27, R. W. Cunningham and Geo. Hallmark.

Woodard, District No. 28, A. N. Woodard and Nevet Morton.

Joe Bailey, District No. 29, Arath, District No. 30, E. F. Sears and S. W. Ditto.

Germany, District No. 30, Frank Weenschlaeyer and Otto Schultz.

Shearon, District No. 33, W. P. Thompson and B. E. Wymer.

Monar, District No. 34, Henry Lindley and J. T. Evans.

— District No. 35, C. W. Hutcherson and J. W. Berry.

Quarterly reports of the following officers approved by the commissioners' court:

C. R. Lockhart, county treasurer; B. A. Eubank, county clerk; A. S. Lowe, Justice Peace precinct No. 1; J. D. Lether, Justice Peace precinct No. 2; T. C. Stinson, Justice Peace precinct No. 3; Smith Brock, Justice Peace precinct No. 4.

Order passed granting B. F. Moore permission to occupy the old sheriff's office in the old court house free and a former order charging him \$5.00 per month rent rescinded.

J. D. Lether, commissioner precinct No. 2, authorized to purchase from W. T. Thompson sufficient land to protect the public road near the J. M. Russell place not to exceed \$15.00 per acre.

The ex-officio salaries of the several officers were set as follows:

J. B. Boles, sheriff ex-officio salary set at \$500 per year.

Fritz R. Smith, county judge,

TILLMAN WILL VOTE TO EXONERATE LORIMER

South Carolina Senator Declares He has been Converted by Bailey's Argument

Washington, Feb. 17.—Senator Tillman in an interview late yesterday declared that as a result of Senator Bailey's speech on the Lorimer question he would vote to exonerate the Illinois senator.

Senator Tillman was opposed to Lorimer a week ago. Tillman declared he is convinced after studying the records, following the Texan's argument, that Lorimer was not guilty of the alleged bribery in Illinois.

Senator Chamberlain says he will vote to oust Lorimer.

BROWN OF NEBRASKA ON DIRECT ELECTIONS

Nebraska Senator says People are Demanding a More Direct Voice

Washington, Feb. 15.—Supporting the resolution providing for the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people, Norris Brown, of Nebraska, made reply in the Senate today to the recent speeches of Senator Lodge and Depew, opposing the amendment.

"The American people," he said, "can not be joked or smiled at by scholarly seoffers, driven from their determination to have a direct vote in public affairs."

Declaring the ninety-two men in the 92,000,000 persons of the right to express their own wishes in the matter of Senatorial elections, Mr. Brown supported the proposed change as in line with the popular demand.

The Nebraska Senator predicted that the "time is not more than six years distant when every delegate to every National Convention will be chosen by the direct vote of those who send them, and they will be instructed to carry out the will of these for whom they are to act."

SNYDER PEOPLE TAKING THE CHURCH CENSUS

Twenty Religious Workers Make Complete Census of Snyder Wednesday Afternoon

Wednesday afternoon the pastors of Snyder assisted by a number of religious workers began to take the church and Sunday School census of Snyder.

When the work is completed and properly tabulated it will be known who are church members and who belong to the various Sunday schools of the town, together with other useful information of the different religious organizations.

The Santa Fe construction gang are out this way from Sweetwater with the telegraph line and will reach Snyder in about two weeks.

\$50 per month, ex-officio school superintendent and \$50.00 per month ex-officio county judge.

Walter S. Adamson, district clerk, \$75 per quarter.

B. A. Eubank, county clerk, \$50 per quarter.

The court ordered the vacation of certain streets in the town of Hermleigh, vacated for the benefit of the P. & N. T. Ry. Co.

The Fluvanna Water Works Co. granted franchise in the town of Fluvanna.

A special election was ordered for Scurry county to determine whether or not the county shall issue bonds in the amount of \$16,000.00 for the purpose of building a jail, election to be held on March 27, 1911.

Drew Wilson was appointed constable of Precinct No. 2.

The court adopted the report of the jury of View in the petition of Horace Holley, et al and road ordered opened up.

A jury of View was appointed on the C. C. Harless, et al petition consisting of the following named parties: S. W. Barfoot, L. C. Darby, Will Coffee, John Corley and John Thomas.

REVOLUTION IN MEXICO JUST NOW COMMENCING

El Paso Cattle Trader Looks for Bloody Fighting Within the Near Future

W. B. Arnold of El Paso is in Abilene the guest of his friend, N. G. Robinson, with J. Sides & Company. Arnold and Robinson were youngsters together in Kimble and Sutton Counties in West Texas. The former is a cattle trader and has been in El Paso two years.

Been Over Into Mexico

Mr. Arnold has some interesting things to say of the Mexican insurrection, having studied the situation in the state of Chihuahua from first hand information. "I spent some days roughing it in Chihuahua," he said, "and saw many rebel bands roving around in the interior. The revolution is just beginning. The fighting from now on will be vastly different and more serious than that which has gone before."—Abilene Reporter.

FIGHT FOR THE WEST TEXAS NORMAL

Measure Passed in House and Indications for Senate Passage Very Good

Austin, Feb. 20.—The normal bill which locates a Central West Texas Normal college at Abilene was not brought up in the house this afternoon, as had been expected. The reason for this was that other business which had begun on the house could not be concluded.

The Normal bill will be brought up tomorrow (Tuesday) morning and it is certain that it will go through. A straw vote indicates that the final passage of the bill will be almost unanimous.

There are strong delegations here from Sweetwater, Colorado, Ballinger, San Angelo, Brownwood and Coleman and they are devoting their energies to working in the senate. All delegations concede that the measure will pass the house and they are endeavoring to prevent its passage in the senate.

Brownwood, Feb. 20.—Strong delegations of citizens from Brownwood, San Angelo, Coleman, Dublin and Cisco left Sunday night for Austin where they will enter an indignant protest at the manner in which the Abilene Normal Bill is being put through the legislature.

The bill as passed by the house locates the proposed normal at Abilene without giving other towns in this section an opportunity to offer inducements for it.

Snyder made a strong bid for the school.

For a New Jail

Commissioners Court at its last regular meeting voted for a resolution ordering an election for a new jail for Scurry County. Two of the Commissioners were in favor of building the jail by warrants, but a resolution to that effect failed to carry.

Million Dollar Will Filed

Fort Worth, Feb. 17.—The will of J. F. Moore filed this morning bequeathes \$1,250,000 to Mrs. Moore, who now becomes the richest woman in the state. It is the first million dollar will in the history of the county.

Bill Will Pass

Washington, Feb. 21.—That reciprocity would pass the senate was the belief today of both Senator Carter of Montana and Representative McCall, author of the bill, after conferences with President Taft. Mr. Carter opposes the measure.

President Taft has been informed by the secretary of the American Manufacturers' Export Camera Studio, H. G. association that about 82 per cent of the members in the association are in favor of reciprocity.

Little Anita Jaeggli is convalescent from an attack of pneumonia.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ab E. m. 2:30 p. m. Wednesday, a girl.

Mrs. and Mrs. Sam P. notice, Thursday, AGENT, SNYDER, TEXAS.

Nice fresh bage, sweet also all kinds of nuts at Curry.

FEATURES OF GOVERNOR COLQUITT'S MESSAGE

Makes Some Worthy Recommendations—Wants Better Prison Laws

"From the reports made of the general property of the prison system, including the State Railroad and the Huntsville and Rock prisons, it is in a state of dilapidations and decay; and I respectfully call the attention of the legislature to the fact that in dealing with this important subject, we are confronted by conditions that theories will not solve."

Regarding the report showing there will be a falling off in the cash revenues from convict labor of many thousands of dollars per month on account of convicts being on contracts to cultivate farms on the shares instead of hiring them direct as had been done previous to the close of 1910, the Governor says: "All reports indicate, too, that it is on the share farms where the convicts fare worse and are most poorly taken care of."

Share farming is not considered desirable and recommendation is made that if the policy of working convicts on farms is to continue that they be worked on farms owned or controlled by the State.

Fireproof and separate cells are not favored as construction cost would be too great.

Belief is expressed that it will tend to the harmonious management and control of the prison system and be economy to allow the Prison Commission to employ separate and independent agencies of its own to take the convicts to prison.

As to classes of convicts, he would allow Commissioners to "maintain them separately as far as practical."

The Governor does not believe in the "but" nor in the "strap" nor in the "stripe" and says cruel and unusual punishment should not be inflicted, but discipline and order must be preserved and he thinks the Commissioners should be allowed to adopt methods for such and that such plan would be better than mandatory statutes.

"I am very doubtful if it is wise to establish a policy which is equivalent to paying them (the convicts) a pension." This statement in regard to provision for payment of 10¢ per day to convict prisoners.

"I take the liberty of suggesting that a statute which would require the Governor to restore citizenship to an ex-convict when it is shown that his testimony would be material, would be preferable in the provisions in Sec. 57 of the act of the Legislature providing a new prison system in Texas."

Recommendation is made that the parole law passed in 1905, with proper modification to suit present conditions, be re-enacted. "Section 1 of that act authorizes the Penitentiary Board and the Board of Pardons, with the approval of the Governor, to establish rules and regulations under which prisoners may be allowed to go upon parole. But any parole law should clearly conform to the Constitution, which empowers the Governor to issue pardons and paroles."

"The State Railroad is a burden and a failure and calls for immediate legislative consideration. It has cost something over half a million dollars, according to the Railroad Commission, either to repair and our customers."

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